

ATOR ROBERT M. FOLLETTE IS DEAD

WASHINGTON HOME

Been Ill For Some Time His Condition Became Worse During Day When Heart Attack Developed.

TH FOLLOWED GENERAL BREAKDOWN

Each Visit by Physician It Was Apparent That Condition of Senator Was Much Weaker.

ington, June 18.—Senator Robert Follette, for many years a stormy petrel of American politics, died here today.

Wisconsin senator and late independent candidate began failing health ever since the 1924 campaign.

Several weeks ago he contracted pneumonia which developed into a heart strain.

His heart which has been unsteady since the day he was elected, he realized the condition of his health, members of the family would recover.

Last night he was resting easier, but a decided turn in the night hours, he was abandoned.

LaFollette was a victim of a heart ailment and this, a systematic attack caused him to nearly from shortness of breath, weighing spells accompanied his last, however, he insisted on reports being given out as to his condition it was not until yesterday that he was admitted as serious.

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CHIEF WITNESS FOR STATE TESTIFIES IN THE SHEPHERD TRIAL

Charles C. Faiman, After Being Questioned by Judge, Tells Story State Hopes Will Convict Shepherd.

DEFENSE MADE SOME PROTEST

Faiman Tells Court That He Knows Shepherd and He Gave Him Germs Which Caused McClintock's Death

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, June 18.—His sponsorship relinquished by the prosecution which for many weeks has had him under close guard as its proclaimed chief witness, Chas. C. Faiman was called as a witness today in the Shepherd murder trial.

He took the witness stand for direct examination by Judge Thos. J. Lynch at 11:08 a. m.

The step was over the bitter protest of the defense which argued that the move would prejudice the jury and open avenues of cross examination for the state which otherwise would be denied.

Faiman, a dapper little blond man, launched immediately into his accusation of Shepherd after Judge Lynch had asked him two questions of identification.

Faiman talked in a barely audible voice, galled nervously by the judge to the jury to counsel, and shifted about in the witness chair.

"Do you know Shepherd?" was the court's third question.

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Shepherd wanted to see some germs, Faiman testified, and was shown some on a slide.

"Concord's Hero" to Be Shown for the Last Time Tonight

It seems to be the consensus of opinion around and about the city that the home-talent film "Concord's Hero," which is being shown for the last time here today, is without doubt a good picture and is well worth the money, even if it is a production made by amateur actors and using local scenes as the background.

"It's as good as any comedy I have seen recently," said one man this morning. "I was skeptical when the announcement was made that it was to be filmed and when I saw the actors and actresses about town and the way they were taking it, I knew that it was going to be plenty rotten. When I went last night out of curiosity, I received one of the most pleasant surprises of my life. The thing is fine. I think we ought to have another one made here real soon."

Different people are struck by different incidents in the comedy. An almost universal point of interest is the manner in which the audience is pictured as jerking backward and forward as they view the taking of themselves. The mere trick of turning the camera slowly has given them the appearance of persons having St. Vitus' dance. Another point which is commented on a great deal is the fact that Mr. Newland makes after his cigar explodes which he is reading the paper. The divers reversing their action and springing from the water back on the spring-board at Mrs. E. T. Cannon's pool is always a sure laugh. Other incidents appeal to other people.

When the picture was being taken, the choppy way of taking the scenes was a source of mystification not only to the spectators but also to members of the cast. Even after the thing was completed, the cast hardly knew the plot of the play, so mixed was it in the taking.

Miss Alice Lentz, the "Baby Ethel" in Salisbury, and Fritz Smith, who was the hero, were in Concord last night to see the picture here. They enjoyed the local picture, they said, almost as much as they enjoyed their own.

FOURTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE BY THE PARKS-BELK COMPANY

Event Will Be Celebrated by This Big Department Store Beginning Friday Morning

Fourteen years of service to the trading public of Concord and Cabarrus county is the occasion for the celebration event being arranged by the Parks-Belk Company which will open on Friday morning at their local store, and continue through July 4th. It is the intention of a big birthday celebration, during which they will show their appreciation of patronage during their career here, by offering unheard of values in their huge stock of merchandise.

The store has been closed all day today, to allow the force sufficient time to arrange and specially price the merchandise for this event.

Almost fourteen years ago the Parks-Belk Company started business in Concord with a small stock of goods and two floors of space in a small building. This has grown steadily until today the huge stock fills to overflowing three spacious floors and basement in the large building which they bought and enlarged.

Besides, other stores have been opened up from this parent store, and are located in Albemarle, Kannapolis, Newton and Hickory, North Carolina and in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

During the fourteen days of this celebration special offerings will be made at certain hours every day. Everything is in readiness for the opening of the doors at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning.

G. O. P. LEADER CHARGED WITH ASSAULT ON OFFICERS

Officers Were at W. T. Alexander's Place Looking for Runaway Girls From Industrial Home

Charlotte, June 17.—W. T. Alexander, well known Mallard Creek township farmer, and prominent Republican leader in this county, was at liberty on a \$300 bond today following a hearing before Magistrate J. W. Cobb on a charge of assault upon an officer with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

LOCAL MENTION

Last showing of "Concord's Hero" at the Concord Theatre today and tonight. Don't miss it—it's great.

"Aunt" Martha Pifer, a very aged colored woman, critically ill at her home on Dorland street.

Miss Dorothy and Margaret Fink of Gastonia, and Katherine Fink, of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fink this week.

Mrs. E. C. Barnhardt, Sr., was operated on Tuesday for the removal of her tonsils. The operation was successful and her condition is very favorable at the present.

Sunday school day will be observed at Friendship Church next Sunday. There will be all day services, with dinner on the grounds. Everybody is invited and will be welcome.

A regular meeting of the Rimer Community Club will be held tomorrow, Friday night, in the school building. A very interesting program has been arranged, including an address by Prof. J. B. Robertson, of this city.

Arthur Fink, who was injured Monday morning when he was forced to jump from a platform at the Cannon Mill to escape being scalded by boiling starch, is rapidly improving, according to reports from his family.

The weekly Y. M. C. A. pictures will be shown Friday night this week instead of Saturday night as is customary. In addition to the films to be shown, a current event contest will be held for the boys and girls.

According to a deed filed yesterday at the court house L. G. Lowder has sold to G. T. Barnhardt for \$2,500 property in Ward 4, this city. Another deed filed yesterday records the sale of property in No. 2 township by R. V. Caldwell to R. V. Caldwell, Jr., for \$500 and other valuable considerations.

H. S. Williams, member of the local bar, is walking with a stick today as the result of an injury sustained last night while playing volleyball at the Y. M. C. A. A member of the same team as Mr. Williams stepped on his foot while it was in a leaning position and one of the joints or bones was injured, and the foot is badly swollen today.

Concord had a splendid rain yesterday afternoon after several weeks of unusual dryness. The rain started off as a slow drizzle but later developed into a down-pour, and continued to fall in some volume for about two hours.

The rain was purely local, falling in Concord and certain parts of the county while other parts of the county had no rain at all.

Only two defendants were tried in police court yesterday, one being fined \$10 for speeding and the other being fined \$10 for using profane and abusive language. A nol pro's was taken in a case against three persons charged with an affray and also in a case in which the defendant was charged with assault on a female.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Gibson left this morning for Wrightsville Beach, where they will be joined by Mrs. Sidney Johnson, of Hillsboro, sister of Mr. Byrd. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson and Mr. Byrd will return to Concord Monday, while Mrs. Byrd and Mrs. Johnson will remain on the coast for several weeks.

Boston and Chicago split a double header in the American League yesterday while Philadelphia was defeating Cleveland, Detroit was defeating New York and Washington was defeating St. Louis. In the National League Cincinnati defeated New York, Chicago won from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh defeated Brooklyn.

Judge John M. Oglesby returned to Concord Wednesday from Marion, where he presided at court for ten days. Next week Judge Oglesby will go to Raleigh to attend a meeting of the Judiciary Conference of which he is a member, and the following week he will have no assignment. Before going to Marion Judge Oglesby presided at a term of court in Hendersonville.

The local office of the Carolina Motor Club at the Y. M. C. A. issued sixty-eight license numbers Wednesday, making a total of over 225 numbers for the first three days of this week. The fiscal year in North Carolina does not begin until July 1st but the numbers are being sold now to avoid such a rush at the time when new numbers are compulsory.

AMUNDSEN BACK IN SPITZBERGEN

(By the Associated Press) New York, June 18.—The North American Newspaper Alliance announced today that Roald Amundsen, the explorer, has returned to Spitzbergen from his North Pole flight.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at an Advance of 12 to 17 Points.—October Sells at 23.54. (By the Associated Press) New York, June 18.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 points in response to higher Liverpool cables than expected, and reports of better business in cotton goods. There was liquidation at the start, owing to reports of showers in the Southwest, but later advices suggested there had not been enough rain to do much good, and after selling off a few points, the market quickly turned firm.

There was covering or rebuying by yesterday's sellers, with rather better trade or commission house demand, promoted by very unfavorable crop advices from the droughty sections of Texas. Prices showed net advances of 35 to 40 points by the end of the first hour, October selling up to 23.54.

Cotton futures opened steady, July 23.50; Oct. 23.30; Dec. 23.50; Jan. 22.96; March 23.24.

CONVICT YOUNG GIRL ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Dorothy Perkins, 17 Years Old, Convicted of Manslaughter in Death of Sweetheart.

New York, June 17.—The youngest girl ever tried for homicide in New York was found guilty tonight when a jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree against 17-year-old Dorothy Perkins. Dorothy, described by her counsel as a "product of tenements and the daughter of a drunkard, born to live and die in misery," was accused of shooting her sweetheart, Thomas Templeton.

The girl fainted as the foreman announced the verdict. Two court officials, stationed near her, caught her as she fell. Attempts to revive by slapping her were failures and Judge McIntyre held that the defendant was in no condition to answer the routine questions following conviction.

As she was being carried from the court room, Dorothy began to revive, pressed her right hand against her forehead and moaned "Mamma, mamma." The crime of which she was found guilty punishable by a maximum of seven years in twenty years in prison. Judge McIntyre will pass sentence Monday.

ROTARY MEETING

Readings by Mrs. Gorman and Talk by L. T. Hartsell High Lights in Interesting Meeting.

Two readings by Mrs. W. H. Gorman and a talk on "Evolution of the Law," by L. T. Hartsell were high lights in an interesting program presented at the weekly meeting of the Concord Rotary Club at the Y yesterday.

The program was in charge of S. Kay Patterson, chairman of the music committee, and it was at his invitation that Mrs. Gorman delighted the club members with her excellent readings.

In his talk Rotarian Hartsell sketched briefly the changes that have been made in the law and touched on many points with which the average layman is not familiar.

Honors at Duke University for Stanly Boys and Girls.

Stanly News-Herald.

The Stanly News-Herald has been telling its readers of what was going to happen when the younger generation got into action. Well they are now getting into action, and they are making themselves felt at the various schools and colleges where they have gone. Looking over the list of those winning special honors at Duke University the past year, we find that Stanly was well represented. In the first place, Mr. Stanton S. Pickens, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Pickens, of this place, was chief marshal of the nine who won special honors in "Religious Education," the name of Mr. James Swearingen, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Swearingen, of this city appears as one. Miss Ellen Huckabee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Huckabee, of this place, was one of the few who won special honors in the freshman class, as was also Miss Bessie Virginia Thompson, of Norwood. Five Virginia Thompson, of history, and Miss Idaline Gullledge, of this city, who graduated with honors this year, was graduated with honors this year, was S. T. Gullledge, of Pee Dee Avenue.

ARE ASSAULTED IN ONE CHINESE TOWN

In Chung Kiang the British Consul Has Been Forced to Leave His Consulate and Go to Temple.

ASSAULTS MADE ON THE STREET

Three Other British Nationals Have Been Stoned.—Conference to Stop Riots Ends Suddenly.

Shanghai, June 18 (By the Associated Press).—A wireless message from Chung Kiang says the situation there is critical. The British consul was forced to leave his consulate and take up residence in the Lingmen Temple. The British nationals have been stoned and assaulted in the streets, the message says.

Negotiations Broken Off.

Shanghai, June 18 (By the Associated Press).—Negotiations here between representatives of foreign diplomatic corps at Peking and the Chinese delegates seeking adjustment of recent disturbances were broken off today because of the divergence of views.

TOTAL OF 44 DEATHS FROM RAILWAY WRECK

Death List in Immigrant Special Disaster Mounts With Several More in Serious Condition.

Hackettstown, N. J., June 17.—The death toll of the wreck of the special immigrant train of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad at Rockport Sag yesterday, was set definitely tonight at 44 by officials of the railroad.

The official list placed 23 bodies in Eaton, Pa.; 8 at Hackettstown; 7 at Dover; 3 at Morristown and 3 at Phillipsburg.

At least a score are still suffering injuries in hospitals, several being in serious conditions from scalds and burns.

Only eight of the victims were killed outright, the remaining 36 dying in hospitals. Most of them came from Chicago and were members of an annual excursion to Germany. Eight of them who escaped injury sailed yesterday on the Republic.

Five members of the family of Edwin Brunner of Chicago, including three young children, were listed among the dead.

CAR STOLEN WHILE OWNER ATTENDS ROTARY LUNCHEON

F. C. Niblock Has Automobile Taken Yesterday Afternoon—Took Mail and Blue Prints Also.

While attending the regular weekly Rotary luncheon in the Y. M. C. A. yesterday between 12:30 and 1:30 o'clock, F. C. Niblock's Paige automobile was stolen. No trace of the car had been received at an early hour this afternoon.

A reward of \$50 was immediately offered by the Carolina Motor Club for the recovery of the car and the apprehension of the thieves. The club was notified yesterday afternoon about the theft and this morning members in Concord received notification of the theft with a description of the car in order that they might be on the lookout for it. Mr. Niblock is also offering a reward.

The car was not locked at the time Mr. Niblock declared that he thought it unnecessary. In the car were a number of unopened letters and blue prints which had been received in the morning's mail. These were also taken.

When Mr. Niblock went into the Rotary luncheon, he left the automobile parked in front of Central Methodist Church and it was taken from this place.

The Southern Pine Beetle.

Washington, D. C., June 18.—Timberland owners in the South are urged by the United States department of agriculture to keep a close watch this summer over their pine lands to note any clumps of pines dying from attacks of the southern pine beetle.

Recent studies made by the bureau of entomology indicate outbreaks of this insect occur during periods of abnormally low rainfall. The weather bureau reports that the rainfall for the first five months of 1925 has been much below normal in the southeastern sections of the United States, the deficiency at some stations being as much as fifteen inches.

All timberland owners in this region are familiar with the destructive work of the beetle. If the present dry spell should continue, it is likely, says the department of agriculture, that serious losses will occur this summer.

Pine owners are advised by the department to make an examination of timberland once a month or oftener for clumps of dying trees indicated by fading or brown foliage. Such trees, it is advised, should be promptly worked up into lumber, or the logs placed in water until a more opportune time for sawing.

Efrd's Chain Sale.

Everything is included in the June Chain Sale at Efrd's, whether advertised or not. In a page ad, today you will find many things mentioned—men's summer clothes, silks, underwear, gingham, tables linen and napkins, sheeting, silk hosiery—but what's the use, everything goes in this big sale at greatly reduced prices.

C. W. Wrenn died at a hospital in Charlotte Saturday, June 13th, where he had undergone a serious operation. He was a brother of Mrs. Mattie Fitzgerald and Miss Alpha Wrenn, of Concord.



WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS